

## ARTICLE 12



### **Article 12: Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, which shall be known as the Computer System Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of purchasing major computer system components, critical software updates, and/or emergency computer repairs for all Town Departments, and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be placed into this fund, and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund in accordance with RSA 35:15 II . This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.

***(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this Article.)***

*Town government, like almost all businesses, has continued to become more dependent on computer hardware and software for its day to day operations. All departments continue to budget individually for standard hardware/software updates and replacements; however major components such as servers and system wide software upgrades are only budgeted when they are anticipated. This creates problems as not all required upgrades in the rapidly changing world of computers can be predicted out that far. In addition, major failures can require emergency replacements that are not typically budgeted for. This capital reserve fund would provide for emergency replacement of major items, as well as level out the cost of significant upgrades and replacements.*

**Estimated Tax Impact: Less than \$0.01 Per Thousand**

## ARTICLE 13



### **Article 13: Public Access Television Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, which shall be known as the Public Access Television Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of purchasing equipment necessary to enhance the capabilities of the local access television network (Amherst Community

Access Television), and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into this fund, and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund in accordance with RSA 35:15 II . *This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.*

***(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this Article.)***

*This article will fund increased capabilities for Amherst Community Access Television (ACTV20) and provide financial coverage for equipment failures no longer covered by warranties. ACTV20 has been successfully live broadcasting on Channel 20 for 18 months and also presenting playback of selectmen's meetings and limited content received from residents. Other board meetings that are currently broadcast live cannot be re-broadcast due to technical limitations. ACTV20 would also like to make equipment available to residents to enable them to produce their own programs. Cable television fees already returned to Amherst are designed to fund public access television and will offset this amount.*

**Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01 Per Thousand**